

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a patient, the device comprising:

a) a first substrate for adapted to support ~~supporting~~ the back of the patient's head;

b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck and wherein the second substrate defines an aperture with a reversible closure adapted to receive a tracheal tube imbedded in the patient without contacting the tracheal tube; and

c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the third substrate is adapted to contact ~~contacts~~ the patient's chest.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first substrate defines an aperture to facilitate access to the patient's cervical spine area.

5. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are integrally molded to each other.

- 1 6. (Currently Amended) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a
2 patient, the device comprising:
3 a) a first substrate adapted to support ~~for supporting~~ the back of the patient's
4 head;
5 b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the
6 second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck;
7 c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the
8 third substrate is adapted to contact ~~contacts~~ the patient's chest; and
9 d) a fourth substrate adapted to contact the top of the head and removably
10 attached to the first substrate and the second substrate.

- 1 7. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein the first
2 substrate, the second substrate and the third substrate are transparent.

- 1 8. (Currently Amended) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a
2 patient, the device comprising:
3 a) a first substrate adapted to support ~~for supporting~~ the back of the patient's
4 head wherein said first substrate is in slidable communication with a
5 pliable material adapted to contact an occipital skull region of the patient;
6 b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the
7 second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck; and
8 c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the
9 third substrate is adapted to contact ~~contacts~~ the patient's chest.

- 1 9. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising an
2 arcuate-shaped substrate in pivotal communication with said second substrate
3 whereby the arcuate-shaped substrate is adapted to receive the patient's chin.
- 1 10. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said first
2 substrate allows visual inspection of the patient's ears.
- 1 11. (Currently Amended) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein said third
2 substrate is adapted to extend ~~extends~~ at least as low as the patient's second rib.
- 1 12. (Currently Amended) A device to immobilize the head, neck and upper torso of a
2 patient, the device comprising:
3 a) a first substrate adapted to support ~~for supporting~~ the back of the patient's
4 head;
5 b) a second substrate in communication with the first substrate, whereby the
6 second substrate is adapted to encircle the patient's neck;
7 c) a third substrate in communication with the second substrate, whereby the
8 third substrate is adapted to contact ~~contacts~~ the patient's chest; and
9 d) one or more means for removably securing the device to a backboard
10 wherein the securing means comprises an elongated substrate having a first end
11 attached to the first substrate of the device and a second end adapted to be
12 removably fastened to the backboard.
- 1 13. (Original) The device as recited in claim 12 wherein the second end terminates in
2 a geometric shape that is matingly received by a surface supported by the
3 backboard.
- 1 14. (Original) The device as recited in claim 13 wherein the surface is removably

attached to the backboard.

15. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one substrate comprises cushioning materials.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 wherein at least one substrate comprises one or more tubes.

17. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines an angle with respect to the second substrate and wherein the device further comprises means to adjust said angle.

18. (Original) The device as recited in claim 9 wherein said arcuate substrate defines a distance with respect to the first substrate and wherein the device further comprises means to adjust said distance.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A device for simultaneously immobilizing a person's skull, cervical vertebrae, and mandible, the device comprising:

- a) a first substrate which is adapted to extend ~~extends~~ from an occipital region of the skull to the first thoracic vertebrae of the person;
- b) a second substrate communicating with the first substrate and extending in a direction anterior to the person, whereby the second substrate is adapted to encircle ~~encircles~~ the neck of the person and wherein the second substrate defines an aperture having a removable continuous periphery; and
- c) a means for immobilizing the first and second substrates to a backboard.

21. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 3 further comprising one or more means for removably securing the device to a backboard.

22. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in claim 21 wherein the securing means comprises an elongated substrate having a first end attached to the first substrate of the device and a second end adapted to be removably fastened to the backboard.